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Geological Branch, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Announces the continuation of the Mineral Exploration Assistance Program (MEAP) through the 1976-77 fiscal year commencing April 1, 1976 with a budget of \$500,000. It is hoped that this funding will stimulate 1.5 million dollars worth of new surface exploration in the designated areas of Atikokan, Cobalt-Gowganda, Eastern Ontario, Geraldton-Beardmore, Kirkland Lake, and Red Lake.

The objectives of the program are:

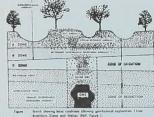
- 1) To assist the economy of Ontario by stimulating the exploration for minerals by resource products industries.
- 2) To stimulate local employment and the local demand for goods and services.
- 3) To stimulate exploration in resource dependent areas.
- 4) To assemble data on mineral resources for the improvement of mineral exploration and mineral resource management.
- 5) To assist in finding a mineral deposit that may become a producing mine.

In order to be eligible for assistance an application must be submitted and approved before the exploration work begins. Government participation is limited to one-third of the monies actually expended with the maximum government contribution to any one contract limited to \$33,333 and the total payments to any individual or company cannot exceed \$50,000 in any fiscal year. In the event that a producing mine is subsequently developed, all monies contributed through the plan shall be returned to the Ontario Government without interest.

Reimbursement is made for the whole or any completed part of an approved program upon submission of technical and financial reports. In each of the designated areas an individual or company may hold only one contract at a time and the property must consist of a group of contiguous claims. All agreements expire on February 15, 1977.

All technical data such as reports, plans, assays and analyses resulting from geological, geophysical and geochemical surveys, drilling and other exploration activities must be filed in duplicate. Documents such as reports, plans, drill logs, etc. should be signed by the author, or in his absence, by his superior or other qualified person. All drill cores and cuttings must be labelled and maintained for examination by the Minister or the authorized agent at any time for one year after the expiry date of the agreement. Technical data will be placed on open file for public examination upon payment of the government share of the cost. All exploration work on staked and recorded claims performed under this program will be eligible for assessment work credit.

Financial statements submitted in duplicate for reimbursement should be supported by copies of invoices or other documentation and proof of payment by photo copies of cancelled cheques or receipts.



APPLICATION

1) Application forms are available upon request.

2) Any individual, group of individuals or company may apply.

3) Work may be performed on any assembled parcel of patented, leased or staked and recorded ground located within the boundaries of any of the areas designated on the accompanying plans.

4) Applications should be submitted in writing and should contain a detailed descripclaim map and claim numbers, and an itemized outline of the proposed exploration work and anticipated costs, expressed in cost per line mile, foot of drill

5) The Ontario Government reserves the right to reject any application under this plan, and to limit the total government share of any expenditure for particular types of work.

Applications should be addressed

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